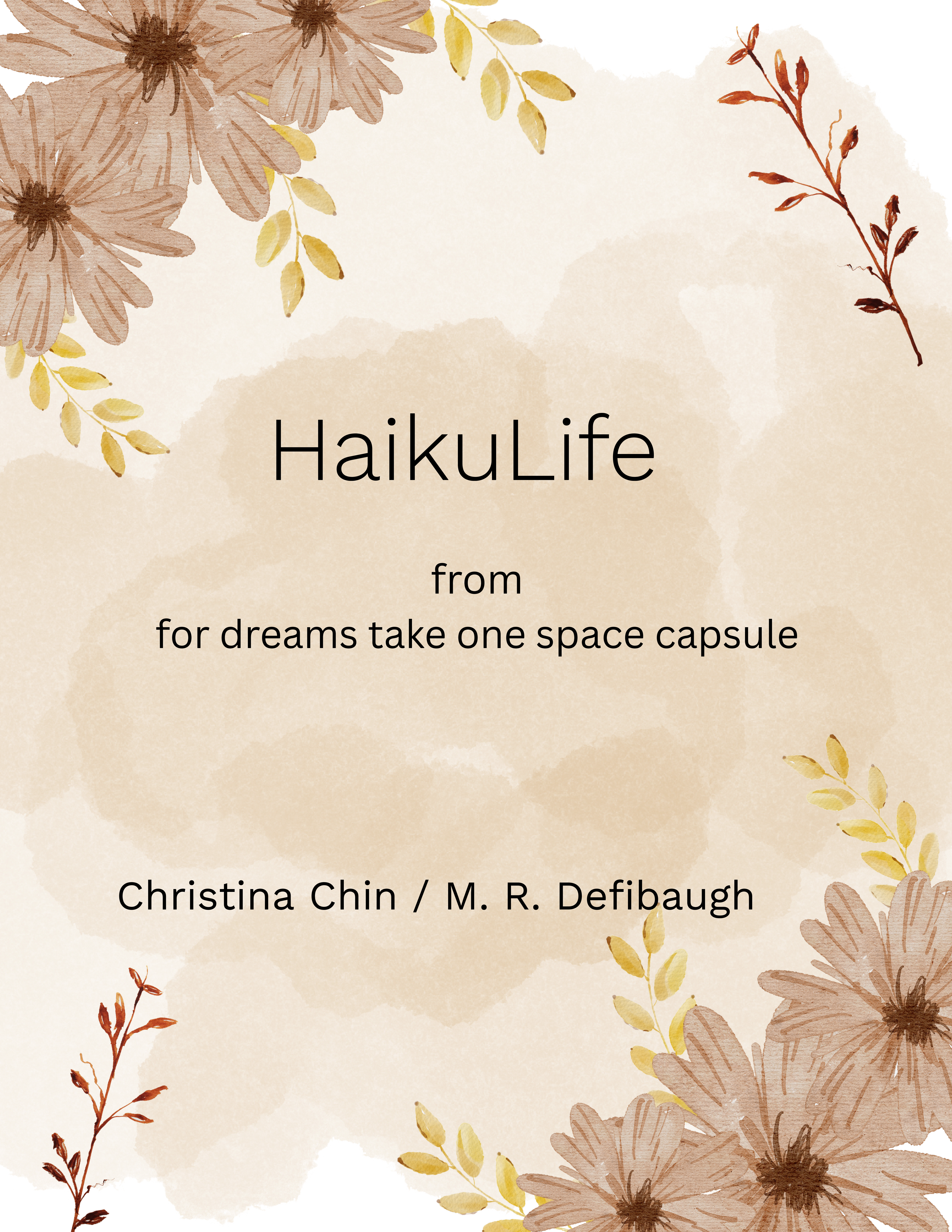


A watercolor illustration featuring large, light brown flowers with dark brown centers and yellow-green leaves, scattered around the edges of the page. The background is a soft, textured wash of light brown and beige.

HaikuLife

from
for dreams take one space capsule

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prescription pills
... for dreams take one
space capsule

*lightyears from
its destination*

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hazy moon
my footsteps
and I

pace
the length of many dreams

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lonely night
how long this cold
winter river

*train leaving
for home*

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*the sky full of stars
burning
an old flag*

in the moon's
shadow

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swizzled sake . . .
again reading
the evening news

*another day
dilutes the war*

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the window opens
to a quiet evening sea
stargazing

lilies
in a moon vase

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*isolation room
still there
is a fly*

cobweb
a camouflaged bagworm

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barb wire
a shrike butchers
its prey

trying
to escape

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boarding
the same train . . .
different destinations

*a cluster of felled branches
in the olive's shade*

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avenging crows
pick the scarecrow's brain
straw by straw

*he slips in and out
of consciousness*

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*abstract minimalism
naively he thinks
I could have painted that*

little
Banksy

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*pretty bobbies
in the updo hairstyle*

*removing pins
the night falls
down to her waist*

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arithmetic games
... letting the kids
win

not even once
... daddies hate losing too!

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making ends meet
she buys another
pair of stilettos

online
they don't fit

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playtime
the little girls paint
barbie dolls

*to look more
like themselves*

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